

Biggin Hill Residents Association

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| **Date** | Monday 14th April 2025 |  |
| Location | Blundell’s Biggin Hill |  |
| Those present: Rosemary Charleton, , Kim Cross, Michael Saxon,Peter Martin, David Haslam, Annie Webb, Ian Ramage, Sophie Dunbar |  | |

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| Agenda Item | | Action | Person responsible |
| 1 | **To Open the Meeting** | Peter opened the meeting by welcoming those present | Peter |
| 2 | **Apologies** | Apologies were received from Melanie Stevens, Luan Hannaford and Tony Scullion  Simon Turner was absent |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2025** | The minutes of the February meeting were passed as follows:  Proposed: David  Seconded: Annie  Passed: All  Following on from the points raised at the February meeting regarding the Constitution, David provided the following:  “Individual requests seeking the support of the Biggin Hill Residents Association on a specific issue should initially be supported by a Petition bearing a minimum of thirty (30) signatures as a way of demonstrating the wider community interest in the issue.  Following receipt of a qualifying Petition, a spokesperson for the petitioners will be invited to address the committee of the association, who will determine the degree of local interest and act accordingly”. |  |
| **4** | **Financial Report** | Tony was absent but had provided the usual spreadsheet for March, which showed receipts of £731.00, consisting mainly of £500 from the airport for the defibrillators. Payments were £439.71, of which £120.80 was for the Liability Insurance and 3 payments regarding the Carnival. Total funds available are now £2,723.78  Kim said the quiz night raised £200. It was agreed this would be split £100 to Kim and £100 to BHRA. | Tony |
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| **5** | **Spitfire Community Project** | There is £122 left in the Spitfire fund, and Peter said there has not been much progress so far, although they have had several meetings, but they have at least another year. In effect it’s Biggin Hill against Bromley but we have enough signatures on the petition to put the case before the Council. | Peter |
| **6** | **Publicity** | Ian has not done a lot on the I.T, but has been working on the Mailchimp with Tim and thinks it’s ok now. He has the Security Certificate for the website and has had the £71 from Tony. | Ian |
| **7** | **Requests for Funding** | Sophie has a request for funding for her local scout group which is outside Biggin Hill (based at Wilberforce camp at Keston), so not strictly eligible for BHRA assistance, but Sophie explained that about 80% of the children are from Biggin Hill, so it was agreed to make an exception. She has requested £300 to make Da Vinci bridges, and in return she will tell the 80% parents they should join BHRA. | Peter, Sophie |
| **8** | **Social Events** | St George’s Day on the 26th April - this is not as well supported as previous year’s activities and Peter asked all the committee to come. There will be a raffle.  There is a Disco Bingo on the 13th September for which a £100 deposit is required.  The Teddy Bears picnic on the 11th May. Annie has hired the Spitfire centre, and the publicity now needs to go round the schools (it’s free), asking people to bring blankets or groundsheets. Sophie suggested a goodie bag instead of sandwiches and Annie will pursue the options. | Peter, Kim, Annie |
| **9** | **Retail Opportunities & Carnival** | The Lookout café has sold £30 of merchandise, but the Flying Machine is not so successful. Cudham school want us to have a table at their fete and Kim has also suggested this.  Regarding the Carnival we have a stall near the Neighbourhood Watch stand and now need to think what we are doing. Kim had a large Connect4 game for us to use, and Fred will help to put up the gazebo. | Fred, Kim, Peter |
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| **10** | **A.O.B.** | None |  |

**Date of next Meeting: (all at Blundell’s starting at 7.30pm): Monday 12th May 2025.**